



Family Disaster Plans

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Disaster

- A destructive occurrence that overwhelms the resources of individuals, families, and communities. - FEMA

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Who's Responsible for Your Family's Safety?

- *YOU ARE*
- Become informed of the risks
- Have a plan
- Learn about available resources
- Know what to do, get prepared, and act appropriately in an *Emergency*

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What are the Risks?

- Winter Storms
- High Winds
- Lightning Strikes
- Wildland Fires
- Structure Fires
- Floods
- Earthquakes
- Tornadoes
- Thunderstorms
- Hazardous Materials Incidents
- Biological Contamination
- Other Technological Threats
- Terrorism
- Economics

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- **Know protective actions**



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Evacuation

- Become familiar with names of roads and highways where you live
 - Be flexible and follow instructions
 - Be patient
 - Take disaster supply kits
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- Keep gas tank at least half full
 - Include access and functional needs neighbors and pets

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Evacuation

- Decide now what's that one item you can't live without
- Make a list of 16 items to grab in an evacuation
- Get a duffle bag to carry those 16 items



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Shelter-in-Place

- Go Indoors
- Close doors and windows
- Turn off all air systems (HVAC)
- Seal pre-selected room with precut plastic and duct tape
- Turn on battery-operated radio
- Leave room when instructed



- Include access and functional needs neighbors

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Other Protective Actions

- Stand-by – Listen to an EAS station
- Earthquake – Drop, Cover and Hold On
- Lightning – When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors
- Flooding – Turn Around, Don't Drown
- Pandemic – Social Isolation
- Fire – Stop, Drop and Roll

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- Know protective actions
- **Have disaster supply kits**

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Disaster Supply Kit

- Sturdy Container
- Water & Food
- First Aid Kit & Medications
- Clothing & Bedding
- Special Items
- Money
- Tools, radio, flashlight
- Entertainment



- Special documents scanned, stored on flash drive

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Water and Food

- Water is essential
 - One gallon per person per day
 - Boil questionable water for 10 min.
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- Food is necessary
 - Non-perishable, easy to prepare
 - Include sweets

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- **Have out-of-state telephone contact**

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Out-of-State Contact



- A relative or close friend is best
- Family members must know contact phone numbers
- Everyone checks-in during emergency
- Contact relays information
- Reciprocate
- Have old fashioned, plug-in phone

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- **Two meeting places**

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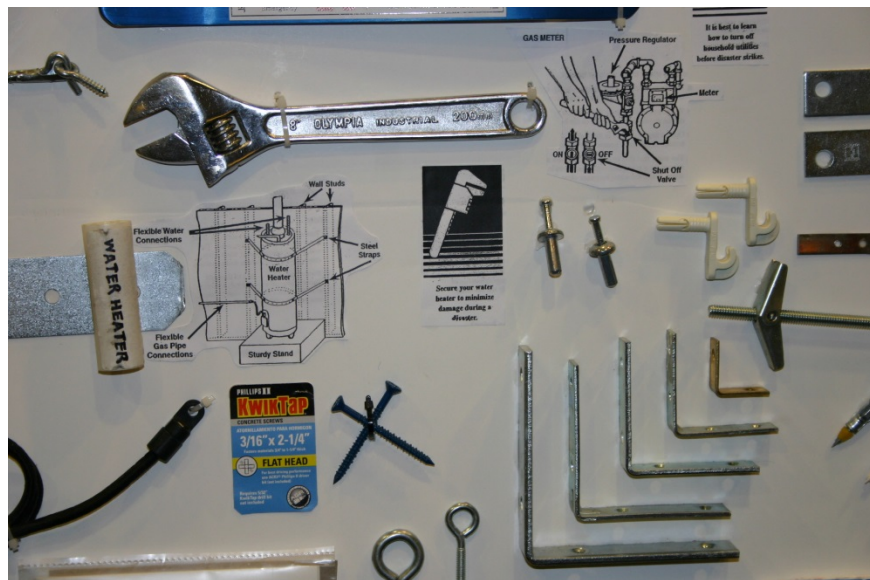
Two Meeting Places

- One outside your home
 - In case of house fire, gas leak, earthquake
- One outside your neighborhood
 - In case of evacuations, road blocks
- Everyone in the family should know how to get to these meeting places

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- **Home hazard hunt**



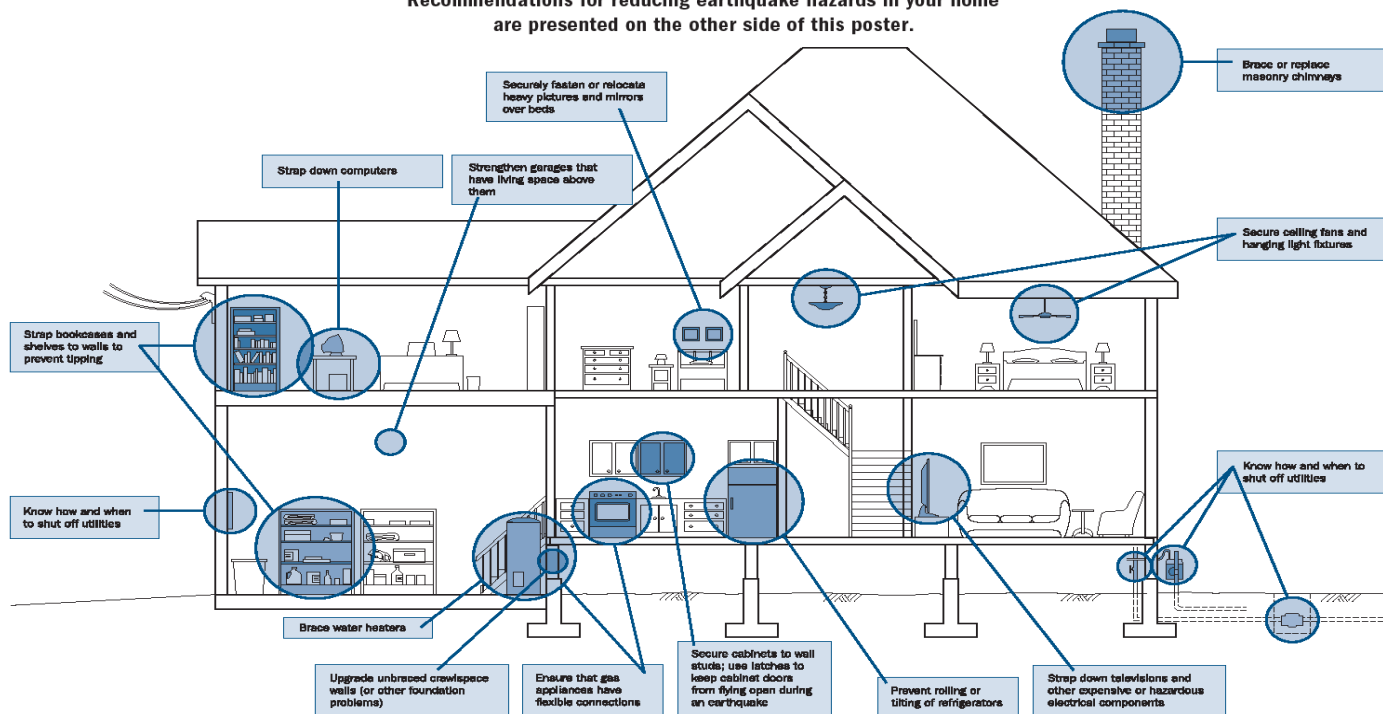
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Home Hazard Hunt

Earthquake Home Hazard Hunt

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Recommendations for reducing earthquake hazards in your home are presented on the other side of this poster.



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- **Know gas, water, and electricity shut-offs**

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Pop Quiz

- Q: Always turn your natural gas off after an earthquake.
- True or False?
- A: False.
- Only turn your natural gas off if you suspect a leak (hear, see, or smell it)
- You should have a professional turn it back on



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Fire Extinguisher Use



- P - pull the pin
- A - aim the nozzle
- S - squeeze the trigger
- S - sweep back and forth at base of fire

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- Know gas, water, and electricity shut-offs
- **Know how to receive emergency messages**



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Warning Systems

- Sirens
- Emergency Alert System
- Cell Phone (WEA)
- Highway Message Boards
- Tone Alert Radios
- Route Alerting
- Telephone Trees
- Social Media



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- **Pets**

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Pets

- Have a plan for your pets
- Include food and water
- Identify a boarding location (Pets aren't allowed in ARC shelters)
- Have a leash/cage
- Vaccinations



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- **Practice**

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Practice, Practice, Practice

- Hold fire drills
- Hold evacuation drills
- Hold earthquake drills (Utah ShakeOut)
- Hold tabletop exercises
- Hold disaster supply kit dinner
- America's PrepareAthon

Take it one piece at a time.

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Remember:

In a disaster,
you don't rise to the
occasion, you sink to your
level of preparedness.

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Questions?

Are You Ready?

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